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Report on the Collection of Revenue in the Mamlatdarship of Salsette.

To Hon.ble Secy

The Hon.ble recent order of Govt should warrant the Mamlatdars in disposing the attached property when they consider such course necessary?

by 21/5

Please see para 3 of CCs pro No 8389 of 26 Dec last also paras 10 & 11 of the recent order No 1170 of 12 April last. The Comr does not quote the order which he refers in para 1 of this letter nor does he state that the mamlatdars have no power to dispose of attached property. Perhaps the Comr refers to para 5 of this office No 8843/42 of 14 Dec 31/5

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Cases such as these before the Hon.ble Secy are provided for in the last Circular Order of 12 April last. see para 11 particularly. The Mamlatdar had his notice before the sales were held & the Collr was duly informed of the same 1/6

I may add that I am surprised at the inattention to the order which is quite clear. The Comr should at once issue orders in accordance with the

circular, and take steps to see that the powers which the law provides be used without hesitation against all those who are able to pay & will not. Care only should be taken that those in distress shall not be unduly pressed

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the area now cultivated is returned as less than half the whole area of the holding, and shall inspect a percentage of such holdings, not less than 10 per cent in each village. Where the Shanbhogs' return appears by this testing to be fully correct it may be accepted; where it is incorrect, he shall inspect further, visiting all the fields if necessary, and correct it. It is conceived that an officer engaged solely in this work can get through 10 villages a day or a taluk of about 300 villages in at least 1½ months. Each day at the close of this inspection he shall make out the list of the villages inspected, shewing for each the No. of holdings coming under Rules 2, 3 and 4 in which the Revenue is to be collected, and the No. of holdings coming under Rule 5 with the names of the pattadars, and the amount of the Revenue to be postponed. When this list is completed for any Hobli, he shall forward it to the Deputy Commissioner for examination. The Deputy Commissioner is empowered to strike out of the list of those whose Revenue is to be postponed any cultivator whom he knows to be in easy circumstances and able to pay, and transfer his name to the list of those from whom Revenue is to be collected. He shall then issue orders to the Amildar to collect Revenue from those from whom it is to be demanded and not to proceed in any way against those whose Revenue is postponed. An abstract of the results in each Hobli shall be forwarded at the same time through the Commissioner to the Chief Commissioner, shewing the number of holdings which are to pay with their Revenue and the number who are not to pay, with the amount of Revenue which is to be postponed.

3. In the case of Ryots coming under Rule ~~III and~~ IV and under the special exception in Rule V as explained in para 2 if they fail to pay, processes of attachment and distraint will be put in force by the Amildar; but no sale of personal effects shall take place except under the orders of the Deputy Commissioner, and no sale of landed rights and interests without the sanction of the Chief Commissioner.

4. When the Jamabandi Officer finds that the lands untilled belong to Ryots who are said to have gone away or died, he shall have a list of them sent to the Deputy Commissioner, who shall issue proclamations inviting people of the cultivating classes to take up those lands for the next year 1878—79. If the original owner returns and claims the land he shall be restored to it at the close of 1878—79. If no one appears to claim it the new ryot shall receive the patta on payment of the balance due on it.

5. The khists for the year 1877—78 shall be fixed as follows.

January 20th	February 20th	March 20th	May 20th
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6. The Takavi Advances granted under the orders of June 6th 1877 shall be recovered from those from whom the Revenue is collected, and shall be postponed in the case of those from whom the Revenue is postponed. Similarly the advances sanctioned under the orders of October shall be collected if for kulthi, Bengal gram, javari, &c., with the March khist, if for Vaisak rice with the May khist.

7. In the Districts and Taluks not specially noted above, the Deputy Commissioner will proceed to make the collections as ~~on~~ ordinary years, adopting however the khists laid down in this Circular.

8. A separate Circular will issue shortly regarding the balances of Revenue due on account of the past year 1876—77. For the present it is sufficient to say that all Revenue collected during the current year should be credited in the first place to the demand of the current year.

Offg. Secretary.

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Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, 26th December 1877.

No. 8389—Rev. 32, dated Bangalore, 26th December 1877.

Order.—Since the issue of this Office Circular No. 8093—29 of the 13th instant, the Chief Commissioner having had the advantage of personally consulting the Famine Commissioner on his return from the tour he has recently taken through some of the more distressed Taluks of the Bangalore, Túmkúr and Chitaldrug Districts, and of ascertaining from him his views as to the condition of the crops which are rather more backward than in ordinary years, and having also been in consultation with the Honorable W. C. Anderson, the Revenue and Survey Commissioner of Mysore, he deems it desirable in supersession of the Circular above quoted to issue for general information, and for the guidance of District Officers and of all other officials who may be associated with them in the conduct of their Jamabandi enquiries and operations, the following detailed instructions.

The broad principles which should guide Deputy Commissioners in collecting the Revenue due in 1877—78 from the Districts and Taluks named in the margin, are as follows:—

District.	*Taluks.*
Bangalore.	All except Kankanhalli and Closepet.
Kolar.	All.
Túmkúr.	All.
Chitaldroog.	Pavagada.
	Hiriyur.
	Budihal.
	Hosdurga.
Kadur.	Banavar.
Hassan.	Harnhalli
	Channaraypatna.
	Nangamangala.
	Attikuppa.

I. Remission will be granted in no case, only postponements.

II. Wet land will be treated under the Rules in force in ordinary years.

III. All Revenue due from persons who hold pattas but are not *bonâ fide* ryots, *i. e.* do not cultivate themselves, will be collected in full.

IV. All Revenue due on dry lands will be collected in full from Ryots who have cultivated half or more than half the area of their holdings, and also all Revenue due on holdings, which contain wet land growing Vaisakh crops as well as dry land.

V. Subject to the discretion given to Deputy Commissioners in the next para, no Revenue due on dry lands will be collected during this year from any *bonâ fide* Ryot who has not sown half the area of his holding. But next year, 1878—79, provided the crop is ordinarily good, he will have to pay up the demand for both years, no interest being charged on the balance.

VI. No difference will be made between settled and unsettled Taluks.

Note.—In settled Taluks the general principle is that ryots must take the good years with the bad and no reduction can be granted. But the calamity to this and the two last year's crops has been of such magnitude that the general rule must be set aside for once.

2 The manner in which effect should be given to these principles is as follows:—

Each Taluk should be placed under a Jamabandi Officer, *viz.*, either the Deputy Commissioner himself, or an Assistant Commissioner or a Special Relief or other Officer empowered by the Chief Commissioner. Notices may be issued, but no process for the enforcement of the collection of Revenue shall be issued by the Amildar of any Taluk marginally named in para 1, until he receives special orders from the Deputy Commissioner as provided below. A statement shall be compiled from the Shanbhogs' pahani, shewing the area of each Ryot's holding in the village and the area cultivated at the present time. The Jamabandi Officer shall mark on this statement those holdings on which

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

REVENUE.

To

THE COMMISSIONERS OF DIVISIONS.
„ DY. COMMISSIONERS OF DISTRICTS.
„ DY. ACCOUNTANT GENERAL.

Dated December 26th.

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No. 8389.
Rev. 32.

Sy Secy's No. 1385 of 28/12/77

In supersession of Circular No. 8093—29, of the 13th instant, issues instructions regarding the collection of the kists of land revenue for the current year.

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Notifications by the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

GENERAL.

NOTIFICATION.

No. 407. *The 1st March* 1877.

In Chief Commissioner's Notification No. 268, dated 2nd November 1876 (published in the *Mysore Gazette* of 4th idem) it was notified (1) that the khists of land revenue had been increased in number from 4 to 7 (the last khist being payable in June next) excepting in the Malnad Taluks of the Nagar and Ashtagram Divisions, (2) that interest on arrears of land revenue, &c., would not be demanded for the present year and (3) that the Hulbanni sales would not be enforced in those Taluks or parts of Taluks to be specially exempted by a Notification of the Commissioner of the Division.

2. Having regard to the serious losses sustained in several Districts from failure of crops in two successive years, the Chief Commissioner is pleased to make known the following additional concessions which have been granted :—

I. The District Officers have been authorized to remit one half the assessment comprised in the March, April, May and June khists on wet lands under tanks which received no supply of water during the period of ordinary cultivation. This concession is not intended to be applied to holders of lands who have been able to raise some crops, and it will be competent to the Officer conducting the jamabandi settlement to withhold it whenever circumstances may seem to him not to warrant the application of this order.

II. Where lands under nallas and wells have been deprived of all means of cultivation from failure of water-supply for two successive seasons, one half the assessment may, under the orders of the Commissioner, be specially remitted.

III. In respect of dry lands situated in taluks or hoblis which have been seriously affected by the failure of crops, the Deputy Commissioners are authorized to remit 3 khists absolutely (these being the latter khists of the demand for the current year) in the case of ryots whose payments on account of land revenue amount to Rs. 35 and under; and in cases where the holdings amount to a larger sum two khists may be wholly remitted. In both classes of cases, the Deputy Commissioners may direct the postponement of one additional khist to be collected in the ensuing year, but only if deemed to be absolutely necessary.

3. The Chief Commissioner directs that the fullest publicity be given to this Notification in the tracts specially affected by it.

"By Order,"
T. CLARKE,
Offg. Secretary.

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Commissioners office No 36

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To,

Sel No 71/358

The Secretary to the Chief Commr.

L. R

of Mysore

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Bangalore

No. 1

Dated Camp Sonnapett 18th May 1878

Sir,

During my recent tour thro' the Hambully Taluk, on famine duty I made enquiries regarding the collection of the revenue and found that no one would pay up who could help it. Knowing that the Amildar had no longer the power of attaching property

In one village I found a man, who was well off, and who held lands assessed at Rs. 40, had not paid a pice whilst the poor and ignorant Kool-wadi had been forced into paying Rs. 6 out of Rs 10 of his Kundayeen.

The Potail of another village, who held lands assessed at Rs 150, informed me that he had 10 Servants tending a thousand sheep, and yet he had not

paid up a single rupee of this assessment.

It may, perhaps, be too soon as yet to trust the Amildars with their former powers, but I would propose that they should be allowed to attach property, and send up the lists of property attached, with a report on each case, on which the order for Sale should emanate from the Deputy Commissioner or the Sub divisional officer.

The Amildars have assured me, that all people able to pay will do so at once, rather than suffer the disgrace of having their property attached

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

B. [illegible]

Commissioner of the
Ahtaparra Division

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To The Commr. of the Ostdagaum Div.

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Dated Camp Myaung 4th June
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~~Your~~ letter No 155/34 of 18 May 1878, reporting that during a recent tour thro' the Maruba Taluk on famine duty, it was found from inquiries made that no one who could help it would pay up their revenue dues knowing that the Amildar had no longer the power of attaching property in satisfaction of the Govt demand and citing instances.—

In reply to the above draws the Commr's attention to C.C order ~~No 11 of this Office~~ Proceedings, dated 12th April last No 170/11, which clearly prescribes ~~provides~~ ~~for the~~ ~~being put on all to pay~~ ~~that they dare not~~ ~~to~~

x In suspension of previous order, ~~the~~ the necessary sentence will be applied, when

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~~only being taken to~~
~~issue process against~~
those who are known
to the world off and able
to meet their ~~debts~~. 2. The Captains Cashiers &c
~~Orders should stand~~ ~~Weapons~~ have power to administer the oath
~~Power given in accord~~ to persons coming on board
~~Power with the above~~ their ships
~~Cautions~~ and ~~Regulations~~ taken
~~steps~~ to see that the
powers which the law
provides are used without
hesitation against all
those who ~~refuse~~ fail to
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distress are not unduly
pressed, and in this respect also his recent warlike claims
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by the Delegates for
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Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, 12th April 1878.

No. 170—Rev. 4, dated Bangalore, 12th April 1878.

Order.—The Chief Commissioner's attention has been drawn to the very great slackness in the revenue collections of the year, and he deems it necessary to issue instructions to ensure greater promptitude in the collection of the revenue.

2. Up to the 25th February last, as roughly estimated, 16 lakhs only had been collected in the Province, against 25 lakhs in the previous year, and 43 lakhs in 1875—76 within the same period.

3. Considerably more than the amount collected should have been obtained ere this, even if collections had been limited to the Districts not much affected by Famine, so that it is quite clear that there has been great laxity at least in such Districts.

4. The Chief Commissioner is satisfied that the diminished collections cannot properly be said to result wholly, or even mainly, from inability to pay the revenue. The diminution is, he believes, chiefly attributable to the delay that has taken place in fixing the demand under the Circular No. 8389—Rev. 32 of the 26th December last. That circular laid down an exceptionally elaborate procedure, involving more than usual investigation, and it was issued somewhat late in the season.

5. Under the instructions contained in it the Jamabandi would determine what revenue is to be collected and what postponed. The amount of revenue that will eventually be postponed will not, Mr. Gordon believes, be very great—small certainly in comparison with that which may be inferred from the present state of the collections. Be that as it may, until it be settled what revenue may fairly be postponed the whole revenue remains unpaid, and its realization later becomes more difficult.

6. The Chief Commissioner therefore desires to urge upon Deputy Commissioners the necessity for completing as soon as possible the Jamabandi settlements and the early collection of the revenue. Should a strict adherence to the procedure laid down in the circular above referred to impede the completion of such settlement, the course may be modified to such extent as may be necessary, provided the principles of the rules laid down affecting the postponement of the revenue be strictly adhered to.

7. These rules briefly are :—

I. Wet land is to be treated under the ordinary rules.

II. On dry land there is to be allowed only postponement of collection, but no remission of revenue.

III. Postponement to be confined to actual cultivators of dry land who may not have been able to cultivate more than half their holdings.

8. In the cases mentioned in Rule 3, the Chief Commissioner would give a discretion to the settling officer to allow postponement of the entire, or of only half the revenue, or to disallow postponement, if, on careful investigation, he is quite satisfied that the ryot has resources, other than the aggricultural prcduce of the year, which enable him to pay.

9. Acting on the rules laid down there should be no delay in enforcing the collections when once the Jamabandi is concluded. Excepting in the cases in which postponement is allowed, the rest of the revenue, in the non-affected taluks, should be collected without delay. In the affected taluks it is possible that only a portion may be realized this year, but prompt steps should be taken to secure the payment of revenue by those who have reaped good crops, or those who have private funds to fall back on.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

REVENUE.

To

THE COMMISSIONERS OF DIVISIONS.
" DY. COMMISSIONERS OF DISTRICTS.
" DY. ACCOUNTANT GENERAL.
" FAMINE COMMISSIONER.

Dated April 12th.

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No. 170.
Rev. 4.

Issuing instructions to ensure greater promptitude in the collection of the revenue.

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10. Care and discrimination are of course essential so as to attain the object which the Government has in view, the collection of the revenue, with avoidance of distress of property in the case of real hardship. Summary orders to collect the revenue without discrimination would certainly produce the evil which it is scrupulously desired to avoid. On the other hand no consideration must be shewn to those who, well able to pay the just Government dues, are improperly taking advantage of the benevolent intentions of the Government.

11. It is clear that a marked distinction should in justice be drawn between the affected and the non-affected taluks. In the latter pressure may be put on all to pay what they can, but care should be taken to issue process against those only who are known to be well off and able to pay. The Amildars can without difficulty make lists of these persons and the Deputy Commissioner or an experienced Assistant Commissioner should carefully scrutinize such lists.

12. The Chief Commissioner wishes to be furnished as soon as possible with the results of the settlement in each District, shewing the extent of cultivation and revenue as settled, and the portion of the revenue postponed under the circular above referred to. Mr. Gordon would earnestly urge upon the Deputy Commissioners to exert themselves in this important work, and he confidently relies on their carrying out the instructions given in the spirit in which they are issued, so that whilst the Government is not defrauded of its just dues in this time of need, undue pressure shall not on the other hand be placed on persons in distress who are really unable to meet the demand.

T. CLARKE,
Secretary.

To—The Commissioners of Divisions.
„ Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
„ Deputy Accountant General.
„ Famine Commissioner.